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This is filed in response to the November 5, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-61 were originally presented for consideration in this application. Claims 1-10, 14-18, 21-24, 26, 29, 31-38 and 41-43 have been canceled by previous amendment. Accordingly, Claims 11-13, 19, 20, 25, 27, 28, 30, 39, 40 and 44-61 are currently pending in this application.

The following rejections were set forth in the Office Action: